

# DRAFT Minutes

## RPM Team Taku

**30 September 2008**

**1300-1500**

Meeting called by Joseph Malen, US Army Garrison-Ft. Wainwright

**Objective:** To continue frequent communication among RPMs to ensure forward progress on Taku.

**Attendees:** Joseph Malen, David Beistel (US Army Garrison FWA); Terese Deardorff (USA IMCOM), Jacques Gusmano (USEPA), Franki Jewel (TechLaw for EPA); Guy Warren, Marti Brewer, Earl Crapps, Sharon Richmond (ADEC); Robert Brock (AK Dist COE), Sarah Belway, Dave Frandsen, Kelly Groff (Jacobs); Joe King (US Army Environmental Center), Matt Leveque (UXOPro), Jeremy Blei (CH2M Hill)

### Jacobs Work Progress:

Jacobs is completing the remaining portion of work; including:

- Removal of the power pole north of Bldg 17 and excavation of the soil around the area where drums were suspected. No drums were found but one 5 gallon gas can was encountered along with a large amount of scrap metal including Marten Matting. During sifting of the soil to remove metal debris some POL contamination was found. Backfilling of the excavation has started for reinstallation of the power pole;
- Exposed utilities are being covered with adequate fill and is almost complete;
- All hotspots below <75mV have been completed and backfilled;
- Manhole behind Building 61 is scheduled to be elevated on Monday;
- Installation of five additional monitoring wells started today;
- Still awaiting results of pesticide contaminated soil pile at DRMO;
- We still have waste soils to go to OIT;
- EOD conducted demolition operations on Monday the 29<sup>th</sup>. All suspect DMM was determined to be inert except for the one 3.5" rocket motor. This confirmed expectations that the DMM was empty or filled with non-explosive filler as were previous items; and
- Scrap metal removed from the site for disposal was 267 tons and we will have a certificate from the scrap dealer that the MEC scrap went to a smelter.

**CH2M Hill Reports:** CH2M Hill has mobed back to Taku today and will start the indoor air sampling tomorrow. They will start groundwater monitoring well sampling next week.

CH2M Hill discussed their two technical memos: Workplan for Remedial Activities and 2008 Surface Soil Data Gaps. The Workplan discussed the indoor air sampling. They are trying a new solvent delay method in hopes to mitigate the Freon issue in the samples. This will be the initial sampling event using this method and necessarily be the last sampling event (as there was some concern from participants on the call). They should have results of the air sampling by mid November and should present these results and recommendations in December 08.

The second memo discussed the sound berm and surface soil sampling. Many participants did not receive the second memo. Mr. Malen will send both memos out again after the meeting.

There was a lengthy conversation between EPA, ADEC, AK Dist COE, and CH2M Hill in regards to the locations, frequency and depth of surface soil sampling. Specifically, EPA expressed concern in regards to the locations and frequency and did not feel that they could adequately review this without a thorough review of all of the data.

CH2M Hill indicated that there is currently inadequate coverage of surface samples that has been done on the site and that this is an area with a major data gap for their risk assessment. Their locations identified in the tech memo were based on an assumption that Jacobs would be sampling underneath all of the construction piles.

Jacobs sampled under piles with contaminants (4 piles) only. Mr. Brock directed CH2M Hill to redo the figure in the tech memo to also include the soil piles.

The depth of the "surface sampling" was discussed. CH2M Hill recommended a sampling depth of 12" to 24". EPA and TechLaw had concerns over this depth. ADEC mentioned that they consider surface as 0 to 24". CH2M Hill will revise their tech memo so that surface samples will be collected between 0 and 24".

Lastly, we discussed the sound berm sampling. ADEC addressed the issue as to whether the frequency of 10 locations per unit was adequate to characterize the sound berm. They believe the frequency will be adequate depending on the results.

**Joe Malen Reports:** Joe will resend the two CH2MHill memos that some personnel said they had not received.

The call was adjourned approx 1500.